

Program: CT DOC Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Planning Program Grant  
Awarding Agency: DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)  
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Amount: \$184,954  
Timeframe: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019  
Significance: Qualifies DOC to apply for \$1Million in BJA implementation funds (24 months).

Purpose: Develop the ***Connecticut Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Plan (RESP)***, a statewide guide for establishing policy and programmatic frameworks to ensure existing and future resources for reentry services and employment are leveraged in the most impactful way, based on *The Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies (IRES)*.

CT DOC Project Leadership/Planning team: (PD) Director of Programs and Treatment Bill Murphy, Superintendent Maria Pirro-Simmons, Parole Director Joe Haggan, Legislative Liaison David McCluskey, and various grant support staff.

Mandatory partners: CJPAC as the cross-disciplinary, executive-level steering committee to guide the strategic planning process. PJOR as the cross-disciplinary working group.

Working groups: P&I Oversight, Policy, Technology/Data, Education & Employment, Reentry and Community Supervision, and Others TBD.

Business & Industry Advisory Group, Chairperson John Santa: Representatives from manufacturing, construction, hospitality, and other business sectors. Advisory group to give input and feedback into the planning process; participate in setting priorities that become incorporated in the RESP; work with CT DOC and partners at removing barriers to gainful employment; and promote direct connections to employers for formerly incarcerated people.

Supporting partners: The Council of State Governments Justice Center (TA), Central CT State University, Dept. of Criminology and Criminal Justice (research partner) to assist with systems mapping and process analysis. Workforce Investment Boards, Community Colleges, non-profit providers.